(b) to (d) The Government is seized of submissions of textiles and clothing export promotion councils and other associations, that the exports of textiles have been affected recently due to the appreciation in the value of the Indian rupee *vis-a-vis* US dollar. The strengthen the textiles industry, the Government has taken certain measures, which include increase in Duty Entitlement Pass Book and Duty Drawback rates, exemption from service tax on select services, reduction in interest rates of pre-shipment and post-shipment credit and faster clearance of arrears of terminal excise duties and Central Sales Tax.

Subsidy to MSCCGMF

1008. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has asked for subsidy to Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Ltd. (MSCCGMF) for maintaining Minimum Support Price (MSP) to cotton growers during the year 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government proposes to release the subsidy to the Federation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Ltd. (MSCCGMF) has not been nominated by the Government of India a nodal agency to procure cotton under MSP. Therefore, the question of reimbursement of losses to the Maharashtra Federation does not arise.

Integrated Textile Park at Madurai

1009. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an Integrated Textile Park at Madurai; and

(b) if so/the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Madurai Integrated Textile Park, located at Vadipatti near Madurai, Tamil Nadu, has been sanctioned under the Scheme for Integrated Textiles Park (SITP). Estimated project cost is Rs. 87.30 Crore, out of which Rs. 34.92 Crore will be provided as assistance under the SITP. The park will have facilities for 'processing', 'weaving' and 'garmenting'. Estimated investment in the park is Rs. 410 Crore. The park is expected to create employment opportunities for 7000 persons (direct/indirect).

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

(I) Report and Accounts (2006-07) of BEL, Bangalore and related papers

(II) Report and Accounts (2006-07) of BEML, Bangalore and related papers

(III) Annual Administration Reports (2006-07) of the Cantonment Boards

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): Sir, I lay on the Table: